

City Council Update October 12, 2010

- Update on SolBio solar lease—City Manager Vicki Mayes reported that the City had not received its \$1 million payment from SolBio, and a formal notice of default had been sent to the company. Although she had received an e-mail from the company president stating he could meet the termination deadline of November 5, 2010, she was not optimistic the project would move forward.
- Phase 2 General Fund expense reduction plan implemented—The City Manager presented several alternatives for reducing general fund expenses for the current fiscal year. The goal was to reduce expenses by \$1.6 million to offset the potential loss of SolBio lease revenue which had been scheduled this year. Phase 1 of the expense reduction plan had been implemented on September 1, 2010, and Phase 1 changes were anticipated to reduce expenses by approximately \$800,000. She recommended that the City Council reduce expenses by another \$350,000—\$450,000, primarily through reducing non-essential service levels. The City Council authorized the appropriation of \$200,000 in fund balance and approved reductions of approximately \$233,000 in the following areas:

Reduce animal shelter hours of operation (\$33K)

Eliminate PIO services/keep minimal BCTV services (\$50K)

Reduce golf course expenses (\$100K)

Reduce amount of additional duty pay for Police (\$17K)

Department secretary position to remain vacant (\$33K)

Phase 1 and Phase 2 expense reductions are anticipated to

maintain a General Fund ending balance of \$1.8 million. The City Council requested that it be updated should it be anticipated that the ending fund balance would drop below \$1.8 million. The next regular bi-annual budget review will be scheduled in January of 2011.

- Land Management Plan 2011—The Council approved forwarding a proposal from Boulder City Green Technology Partners to the Planning Commission. This proposal had been submitted to the City in response to the 2011 Land Management Plan. This project would utilize the old airport hangar property at 1401 Nevada Highway for a green business incubator. Chris Carroll, one of presenters for BC Green Technology Partners stated that a business incubator assisted new businesses, in this case green technology businesses, with startup and were found to be a cost effective manner for developing job. She also stated that business incubators were nonprofit and money received would be used to pay for services rendered. Carroll also said BC Green Technology Partners was working with the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce to obtain federal funding.
- Refinancing of the Third Intake—The Council received an update on the sale of bonds to refinance the SNWA debt for Boulder City's share of the costs for the third intake project. Finance Director Tim Inch said he revised the refinancing schedule in order to minimize City costs if the debt limit initiative was approved on November 2. This postponement, according to Inch, did not jeopardize City savings. There would be a \$1.1 million in net present value and a \$4 million savings overall with the refinancing of the bonds. Bond counsel is scheduled to appear at the October 26 City Council meeting. According to Inch, this refinancing will not take place should the residents vote to approve ballot questions #9.

Boulder City RX Drug Card Reminder

I encourage residents, especially those who have no RX drug coverage, to drop by BCTV, 508 Nevada Way, and pick up a free RX Drug Card offered by the City of Boulder City and the National League of Cities. As of September 30, 2010, 194 Boulder City residents have saved \$4,026.13 on 336 prescriptions. Average savings is 20% on each prescription. If you have questions, please call 293-9358.

Breaking Through the Barrier of Dementia

On Tuesday, December 14, 2010, the Homestead at Boulder City sponsors a special workshop presented by Naomi Feil. This workshop will be held from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Fiesta Henderson Hotel.

Titled a "Validation Workshop," this event will prepare attendees to be empathetic listeners for the elderly and anyone in their life. It teaches how to be non-judgmental in order to build a trusting relationship with the disoriented elderly, bringing them an improved quality of life.

The presenter, Naomi Feil, M.S., A.C.S.W. is the developer of Validation. She holds a Master's degree in social work from Columbia University and worked extensively with the elderly. Between 1963 and 1980, she developed Validation as a response to her dissatisfaction with traditional methods of working with severely disoriented old-old people.

To register for this workshop, contact Dave Nilson at 763-971-6326 or log on to www.HomesteadBoulderCity.org or call the Homestead at 294-8720.

Upcoming Activities

- Sunday, Nov. 21 at 3 p.m., a musical tribute to Boulder City sax player Arno Marsh, tracing his successes from 1945 when he joined Woody Herman to the present. This show will describe Arno's career as a big band tenor sax player as he played with more than 30 famous big bands. This musical will feature 19 other musicians accompanying Marsh. Held at St. Andrew Church Hall, 1399 San Felipe Way. Benefits Emergency Aid of BC. Call 293-2440 or go to Plaza Realty, 581 Hotel Plaza, for tickets.
- November 30 Community Golf Day at Cascata. Fee is \$150 per golfer and includes Continental breakfast, golf, caddy fee, lunch and prizes. Space is limited to the first 128 golfers. Send check payable to the City of Boulder City, Community Golf Day, P.O. Box 61350,

Boulder City, NV 89006. Please include the name(s) of all golfers in your party.

- Thursday, December 2 at 6 p.m. the Annual Luminaria and Las Posadas takes place in the Boulder City Recreation Building, 900 Arizona Street. Call the Chamber at 293-2034 for further details.
- Friday, December 3 at 6 p.m. the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting takes place in Frank Crowe Park. For further information, call the Chamber at 293-2034.
- Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. the Annual Doodlebug Bazaar takes place in both Parks & Recreation gyms, 900 Arizona Street. There will be 139 vendors selling various hand-crafted items. Refreshments will be available. Sponsored by the Boulder City Community Club. All proceeds go to Boulder City charities. Call Phyllis at 293-4381 for details.
- Saturday, December 4 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. is Santa's Picture Party in Bicentennial Park, sponsored by the BC Chamber.
- Saturday, December 4 from 4 p.m.-9 p.m. is St. Jude's Ranch Night of Lights Open House on the St. Jude campus. This event helps raise funds for the abused, abandoned and neglected children living at St. Jude. There will be a silent auction, hay rides, photos with Santa. Call Sarah Sheehan at 294-7102 to donate items to the silent auction.
- Saturday, December 4 at 4:30 p.m. is the Annual Santa's Electric Night Parade beginning on Nevada Way and Colorado Street. Call the Chamber at 293-2034 to submit a float/group entry.
- December 10 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. the First Boulder City Gingerbread House Competition and Gift Show at the Boulder Creek Golf Club pavilion. Free admission, food and music. Santa's Toy Giveaway and door prizes. Profits benefit Family Promise of Las Vegas. Call 293-6061 or visit <http://www.BCGingerbreadHouse.com>.
- Saturday, December 11 from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m., the Boulder City Art Center presents the Annual Twilight Bazaar at the Art Center in ABC Park, 801 Adams Boulevard. First 50 guest will receive a hand-made gift. Free admission. Great variety of hand-made gifts at very reasonable prices. Call Art Center Director Robin Kariam at 293-1612 for further information.

